

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Products Price Changes
Rates of General Applicability

Docket No. CP2020-5

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1
AND NOTICE OF FILING UNDER SEAL

(Issued October 22, 2019)

To clarify the United States Postal Service Notice of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, filed October 9, 2019,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. The responses are due no later than October 29, 2019.

1. The Postal Service states: "For Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, and First-Class Package Service customers, a \$0.20 Unmanifested [Electronic Verification System (eVS)] Fee will be introduced to discourage instances of unmanifested commercial parcels, reduce occurrences of lower postage assessments, and offset additional reconciliation, manual processes, and operational costs." Notice at 2.
 - a. What percentage of total Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, and First-Class Package Service volume is estimated to be charged the \$0.20 Unmanifested eVS fee?
 - b. Please describe the process for determining whether a parcel should be charged the Unmanifested eVS fee.

¹ United States Postal Service Notice of Changes in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products, October 9, 2019 (Notice).

- c. Please describe the process for the collection of the Unmanifested eVS fee once a parcel has been classified as an unmanifested parcel.
 - d. Please provide an estimate of revenue loss and total costs caused by instances of unmanifested commercial parcels, occurrences of lower postage assessments, and manual processes in FY 2018.
 - e. Please provide an estimate of projected revenue and cost savings due to the introduction of the \$0.20 Unmanifested eVS fee.
- 2. Please see Attachment, filed under seal.
 - 3. Please see Attachment, filed under seal.
 - 4. Please see Attachment, filed under seal.

By the Chairman.

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